



# Surf Pines Breeze

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## Meet J. Rock Bauer, Surf Pines' New Security/Maintenance Manager



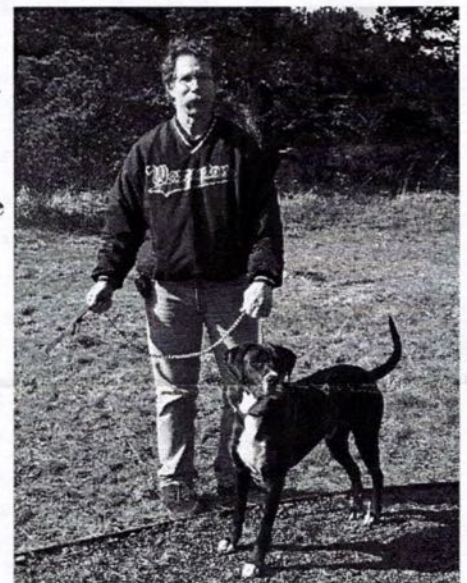
J. Rock Bauer, the association's new security/maintenance manager, replaces Lynn Meyrick, who resigned effective April 1, 2006, after 5 years on the job.

With 36 applicants and 6 interviewees for the job, the Board of Directors unanimously selected Rocky.

Experience that Rocky brings to the job includes 5 years as a supervisor at the Grotto, a Catholic sanctuary in Portland, where he was responsible for security and maintenance for all of the buildings and the 90 acres of grounds. Other relevant experience includes 15 years as the owner and operator of Native Landscapes, a landscape contracting business in Molalla.

Rocky's education includes a B.A. from Occidental College in Los Angeles, where he majored in philosophy and psychology, education that is frequently relevant to some of the work of the security/maintenance manager.

Two years ago, Rocky and his wife, Kate Gruetter, moved to the coast. Rocky coaches softball at the Warrenton high school. Kate teaches eighth grade in the Warrenton schools. Currently living in Hammond, they are moving into the Surf Pines security house, where Rocky will be the new resident security/maintenance manager.



## Attend Crime-Prevention Workshop, April 8



You are invited to attend a crime-prevention workshop presented by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Department. Topics include **home security**, **identity theft**, **substance abuse**, and **tsunami preparation and response**. Sponsored by the Security Committee, the workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2006, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Pacific Grange Hall on Highway 101 just south of the Country Club and just north of the exit for Cullaby Lake. The Community Relations Committee will provide coffee, tea, and sweets.





## Quick News

### Plan to Attend the Annual Meeting

The next Annual Meeting of the Surf Pines Association, as announced by Don Kruger, President, is scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. Plan to attend.

### Attend Monthly Board Meetings

The monthly meetings of the Board of Directors—open to all members of the association—are usually held on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in Surf Pines at the new meeting house (formerly known as the old gatehouse). “Comments from the Membership” is always toward the top of the agenda.

On the weekend before a meeting, the agenda is available at the new gatehouse and on the Surf Pines Web site. Soon after a meeting, the minutes are available on the Web at [www.surfpines.org](http://www.surfpines.org).

Attend to business by either attending the meetings or reading the minutes.

### Serve as a Director

The terms of two members of the Board of Directors, Patrick Kelley and Tom Wilcox, expire this year. As president, Don Kruger will appoint a Nominating Committee to nominate members to fill the open positions on the board. If you have the time and the experience to contribute to the association by serving on the Board of Directors, then contact any member of the board by May 14 to indicate an interest in being nominated. (For telephone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses of the members of the board, see page 8.)

Two members of the Board of Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting on August 5, 2006, for three-year terms. Directors are responsible for the management, maintenance, and control of the assets of the association. The five directors serve as officers of the association: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and a director at large. They also chair most of the committees

and assume responsibility for the newsletter and the owners' information guide. Significantly, they are assisted in their work by an administrator.

### Volunteer for the Budget Committee

As treasurer, Tom Wilcox is seeking from five to seven members for the Budget Committee. Typically, the Budget Committee, chaired by the treasurer, meets once or twice during May to prepare the association's budget for the fiscal year for consideration by the Board of Directors and, ultimately, for approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in preparing the association's budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, then contact any member of the board by April 15 to indicate that you are willing to be appointed to the Budget Committee. (For telephone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses of the members of the board, see page 8.)

### Check Your Listing in the *Directory* for Accuracy

A new edition of *Directory of Residents* for 2006-2007 is being prepared by Bonnie Rogie, a member of the Community Relations Committee. So that she can prepare an accurate directory, Bonnie asks that you check your listing in either the old 2005-2006 edition or in the occasional updates to the old edition. Make any correction of your name, address, and telephone number on the sheet that is enclosed with this newsletter. Return the sheet with your dues payment by April 30.

A name change in the *Directory*, such as a change that results from marriage, divorce, or a death in the family, is made only if the change is requested by including it on the sheet.

Regarding your e-mail address, if you want it to be included in the new edition of the *Directory*, then include it on the sheet. Because e-mail addresses change frequently and people occasionally change their minds about listing their e-mail addresses, your e-mail address will be included in the new edition only if you include it on the sheet.





## Quick News (Continued)

### Remember That Dues Are Due

Bill Barrons, Administrator, reminds that dues, which are billed in arrears, are due by the end of the month in which you receive a statement and are delinquent thereafter. For example, a statement dated April 1, 2006, which is for dues during January, February, and March, is due by April 30 and is delinquent thereafter. Use the pre-addressed envelope that is now enclosed with your statement to send your check.

### Follow New Procedure to Contact Security

Instead of being available in the office during fixed office hours, Rocky Bauer, the security/maintenance manager, is available on call. When you need to speak with Rocky, either call him to schedule a meeting or stop by the office if you see that he is in. Call Rocky at either (503) 738-0637, his office telephone, or (503) 298-1434, his cell phone.

### Receive a Tsunami Watch or Warning

Special radio receivers that alert you to a tsunami watch or warning are available from the office at the special price of \$55 for members. (No cash, please. Either pay by check or ask the association to bill you.)

### Warning: Either Observe the Speed Limit or Pay an Assessment

The posted speed limit on the roads of Surf Pines is 25 miles per hour. Deputy sheriffs use radar to check speed. If drivers exceed the posted speed limit, then assessments may be levied against the drivers.

***Seven drivers have been assessed recently for speeding on the roads of Surf Pines.*** Assessments are based on the schedule of fees currently in use by Oregon courts:

MPH in Excess of Posted Speed	Assessment
1-10	\$94
11-20	\$141
21-30	\$237
Over 30	\$421

Show this schedule of fees to all of the drivers in your family—and tell them who will pay any assessments.

### Obtain Free Wood Mulch

The association has a quantity of wood mulch available free for residents. If you load the mulch yourself, then you can schedule pickup at almost any time by calling the office at 738-0637. If you need someone to load the mulch for you, then you can call the office to put your name and telephone number on a list and anticipate pickup on a date to be set, probably either the first or second Saturday of May. (Sorry, but the association cannot deliver the wood mulch to you.)

### Bag Your Dog's Feces

If you own a dog, then you either walk your dog or your dog walks you. You and your dog walk in the park, on the paths, and on the roadsides of Surf Pines—where your neighbors walk too. If you are a dog owner who bags your dog's feces during a walk, then accept your neighbors' thanks for your neighborly action. You can stop reading this item. If you cannot stop reading, then this item is for you. A consensus is forming among members, including members who own dogs. Members agree that a dog owner's not bagging his or her dog's feces is un-neighborly if the feces are either on association property where members are likely to walk, including in the park, on the paths, and on the roadsides, or in neighbors' yards. Please take the neighborly action.

### Learn the History of Surf Pines

The most recent printing of *Sand Dunes to Surf Pines* has sold out. But this book about the history of Surf Pines by Alice Gustafson, a part-time resident for 35 years, is available from local libraries. You can borrow the book to follow Alice as she takes a "walk back in history in search of how the community known as Surf Pines came to be."





## "Just North of Gearhart, around Surf Pines"

by Don Bowman

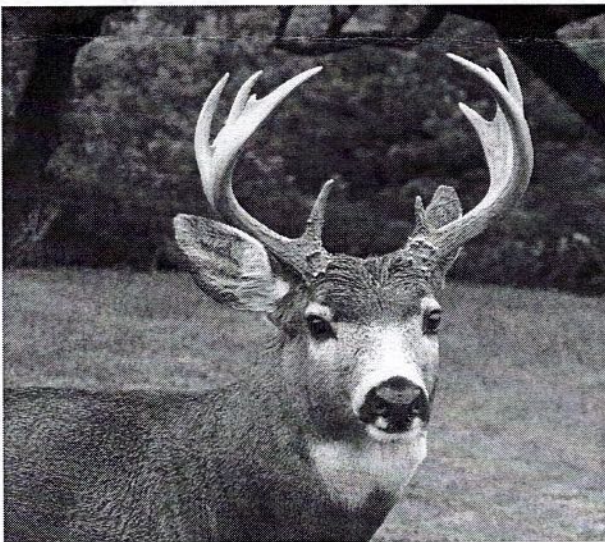
Perhaps you were one of the lucky ones who got to see him occasionally. If you saw him, then you know that he was a sight to behold. No doubt about it, he was the undisputed king of Surf Pines, and I've got the photos to prove it. He loved to hang out in my backyard, and, like the rest of them that call Surf Pines home, he didn't fear humans, no more than we fear him and his kind. With the exception of a rare nuisance, for most of us here they're part of the family. But, unfortunately, his size made him unique, and his uniqueness made him a target. His size and trophy appearance would be his doom.

He had a name, probably several, but my wife and I called him BP. When he was young and before he got to know us, he spooked easily, like a big pussycat, and thus the name BP. Of course, what's in a name, especially when you're just a deer?

Until December of last year, BP was a real survivor. A couple of years ago, he survived an attack, according to a friend of mine who knows these things, with either an arrow or a small-caliber bullet. Thereafter, he developed a cyst the size of a grapefruit just below his neck, which resulted in a severe limp that he had for several months through that winter. I didn't know if he was going to make it or not. He could have easily become a victim of either prey or disease. But tough and resilient, he made a full recovery.

To say that these animals are tough and resilient is an understatement. BP was soon to become the biggest buck in Surf Pines, and he owned the place. Besides enjoying an apple or two in my backyard, he didn't mind hamming it up for the camera. Many times, people with cameras would walk across the yard trying to get a close-up, and a close-up is what they got. He didn't fear humans and I honestly believe that he enjoyed the celebrity.

Unfortunately, BP wasn't being admired only by those of us who live in Surf Pines and appreciate the wildlife we're blessed with. Someone with sinister and deadly intentions had him in the sights, literally. The last time I saw the big guy was during rutting season when he and another large buck locked antlers and squared off in my backyard for twenty minutes. I was fortunate enough to get some great photos. And in the end, there was no disputing who won that match. BP still reigned supreme.



Then, in February, I received a call from a friend, who, by the way, happens to be an avid life-long hunter. My friend call to confirm my worst fear: that an unscrupulous bow hunter had shot my big Surf Pines buck, something my friend had predicted when he first saw BP. My friend had been at an establishment in Seaside, where he couldn't help but notice several photos of a big buck. My friend recognized the buck. The distinctive palmation in the antlers, the size and features, and the fact that he'd seen before the deer in these photos left him with no doubt.





## **"Just North of Gearhart, around Surf Pines" (Continued)**

Now it's bragged that, after several years and hundreds of hours of hunting this wily prey, a hunter took the big buck down somewhere in a dense swamp "just north of Gearhart, around Surf Pines." If that story sounds suspicious, then maybe there's more to it than the "hunter" will ever reveal. Maybe illegal hunting occurred. Or, heck, maybe the "hunter" was just "hunting" in the wrong backyard all those years and hours. Either way, it's nothing for the "hunter" to be bragging about.

Believe me, legitimate and honorable hunters are even more disgusted by this sort of "hunting" than those of us who don't hunt. Shooting BP was about as sporting as going into someone's backyard and shooting a pet Airedale. Real hunters know that this sort of "hunting" gives real hunting a bad name, plain and simple.

We'll probably never know the true circumstances of the death of BP. Maybe the kill was legal, but by no standard in my book was it ethical. Obviously, the "hunter" who killed BP is unlikely to confess. So it might very well be that the only measure of justice for BP will be embarrassment and shame for the "hunter." Real hunters call it taking away the bragging rights. And, in this case, there are no bragging rights remaining when all of us know that BP was a tame Surf Pines deer with no fear of humans and that he wasn't tracked through the mountains or hunted down deep in the woods. It was "just north of Gearhart, around Surf Pines."



Editors' note: Don Bowman is a member of the Surf Pines Association.

Hunting is prohibited in Surf Pines. Any hunting should be reported to the security manager, who reports the hunting, in turn, to Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Security Committee. Do not confront a hunter. Do not endanger yourself. But do get as complete a description as possible of the hunter and the occurrence of hunting, including time and place.

## **Participate in the Annual Surf Pines Garage Sale**



by Katie Weber

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Surf Pines Garage Sale on July 1 (Saturday), 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Your Garage or Yard**

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend should bring many buyers to the coast and, in turn, to our "Fabulous One-Day-Only Sale." A small fee will be collected from participants to pay for newspaper advertising and directional signs to guide buyers to our sale. The amount of the fee (usually only about \$3.00 per participant) depends on the number of participants. Let's make paying for the advertising a joint effort by all participants so that everyone shares equally.

**To participate, call Katie Weber at 738-5986 by June 20.**

Though this notice will be the only notice in the *Breeze* before the sale, the Community Relations Committee will post a reminder on the bulletin boards in June.

Editors' note: Katie Weber, a member of the Community Relations Committee, manages the Annual Garage Sale.



## Surf Pines Social Calendar



Mark your calendar now for the **Annual Surf Pines Picnic**, the premiere summer event on the Surf Pines social calendar. Last year, more than 100 people picnicked in the park. This year, the picnic is scheduled for the **Surf Pines Park on Sunday, July 2**. (For details, read the bulletin boards at the north and south gates in June.)

Norma Keever and the other members of the Community Relations Committee always manage to provide a classic, old-fashioned summer picnic with good food and good company. The committee even manages to provide good summer weather.

The spring event on the Surf Pines social calendar was a wine-tasting party at the home of Burr and Sally Allegaert on the evening of March 18. The Allegaerts hosted graciously in their beautiful home. Approximately 30 members enjoyed the hospitality, the hearty hors d'oeuvres, and, of course, the tasty wine.

Enjoy the photos of the party on the next page.

## Consider a Special Service from Western Oregon Waste



by Bill Barrons

Garbage is a problem for weekend residents of Surf Pines. (And sometimes their garbage becomes a problem for their neighbors.)

If, for example, weekend residents arrive at their homes in Surf Pines on Friday (garbage day), stay the weekend, depart from their homes on Sunday evening, and put their full garbage cans on the roadside as they depart, their garbage cans linger on the roadside until the next Friday. At best, the cans are unsightly. At worst, winds or animals knock the cans over and strew the garbage for their neighbors' edification.

A solution to this problem is available from Western Oregon Waste (WOW), our garbage service. WOW offers "non-curbside cart service," a special service in which the garbage collector either drives or walks all of the way to the home to collect the garbage, empties the can, and then returns the can to its proper place. Whether you are a weekend resident or a fulltime resident, you might consider this service.

For a 32-gallon can, the cost of non-curbside service per month is \$8.21 for monthly service, \$15.25 for bi-weekly service, and \$23.46 for weekly service. For a 90-gallon can, the cost of the service per month is \$13.49 for monthly service, \$25.06 for bi-weekly service, and \$38.55 for weekly service.

To start non-curbside service, call WOW at (503) 738-5717 and then press 1 for residential service. (Tell the service representative if you do not want the garbage truck to use your driveway or if there is no place for the truck to turn around in your driveway.)

Editors' note: Bill Barrons is the administrator for the Surf Pines Association.

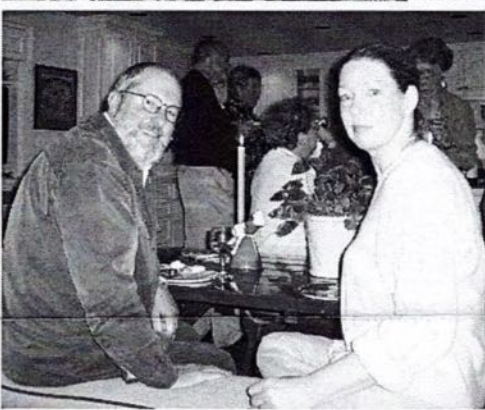




## Spring Wine Party



Sally and Burr Allegaert welcome guests to their home for the Spring Wine Party.







## Welcome the New Neighbors

Welcome these new residents to Surf Pines:

**Neal Cummings**, 89615 Manion Dr.

**John Donohue**, 89515 Ocean Dr.

**Dan & Robin Golubickas**, 33097 Malarkey

**Keith & Starley Helmhout**, 90073 Ocean Dr.

**Thomas & Candice Hatch**, 89299 Manion Dr.

**Ramchander Madhavarapu**, 33286 Neacoxie Ln.

If you are a new resident (since January 1, 2006) but your name is not on this list, then contact Bill Barrons, Administrator.

## Your Owners' Information Guide



by Don Kruger

In early March, each member of the association was mailed a new edition of the *Owners' Information Guide*. If you have not yet read your copy of this guide, then I encourage you to do so.

I acknowledge and thank Patrick Kelley, Roger Masse, and Bill Barrons for producing a most readable, informative, and professional guide for each of us to use. When you see Patrick, Roger, and Bill please thank them for the work that they devoted to this project.

Editors' note: Don Kruger is the president of the Surf Pines Association

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